

That submarine boat acts very much like a Spanish cruiser.

Edward's crown will have 3,000 jewels. Half that number of hairs would suit him better.

Argentina will apparently swallow a sufficient dose of that Chile sauce to see what it tastes like.

Lord Kitchener is sensitive about his name. A kitchener by any other word would smell as sweet to Botha.

Mississippi Times: The Filipinos are a pretty bad lot, but give the school teacher a little more time.

There isn't any doubt that Grover Cleveland's gout will discourage would-be presidents from growing very stout.

Schley has declined an offer to lecture. Whether the verdict was just or not, he will now be dearer to the American people than ever.

A serum for tetanus has been discovered. It is said. In some cases it ought to be administered along with the antitoxin for diphtheria.

Commissioner Rockhill finds that the United States asked nothing of China except what was clearly inscribed on its laundry ticket.

Mr. Kipling is on his way to South Africa and Richard Harding Davis is on his way to South America. Southward the stars of literature take their way.

The public is earnestly longing for the day to come when the terrible earthquake in the price of copper will strike a responsive thrill in hard coal.

In case any neutral power desires to use the Nicaragua canal while we are at war with another power all that it will have to do will be to apply to us for our consent.

Detroit Tribune: And any nation which objects to the kind of neutrality Uncle Sam will maintain along his canal will be at liberty to introduce another brand if it can.

Away down into old Missouri an Oshkosh philosopher chased the purchaser of his better half. He wanted to congratulate him in person. This is glorified common sense.

These are prosperous times "down in Maine," the farmers and truck gardeners of that state being enabled by the shortage in the West to command practically their own prices for all products.

The Spanish newspaper organ in Mexico pronounced the Roosevelt message to be full of altruism, optimism and emboss. This will necessitate a rereading by those who want to find the emboss.

The Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court has established the important fact that there is a point beyond which speculators cannot go in a conspiracy to reduce the selling price of securities without rendering themselves liable to the penitentiary.

Ex-Congressman Thomas B. Reed, in a speech at the St. Nicholas society's banquet in New York, asked his hearers to "honor that handful of Dutchmen who are holding at bay the war-gods of the proud nation of the modern world." This is the nearest to an expression of opinion on the Boer war that Mr. Reed has ever given.

When the Salvation Army gets hold of a drifting brother or sister it calls them by those names, and means it, and hustles around to get them a job. Opinions will differ about the pleasure of being drummed into paradise, but if this big-hearted, intrepid organization isn't doing a great share of Christ's work the world has strangely mislaid the Master's teachings.

The condition of affairs in Liberal circles in England seems to have improved very sensibly since Lord Rosebery's Chesterfield speech: There are indications now that the factions may be brought together under the noble Lord's leadership on some kind of a platform having to do with the Boer war. Public sentiment in England, while almost unanimously in favor of prosecuting the war to the bitter end, is now supposed to have undergone some change. Multitudes of Englishmen are eager for a cessation of hostilities, and there is some possibility in the opinion of good judges, that a reorganized Liberal party may be formed around this central idea.

If the most powerful and enlightened nations are not willing to trust themselves unconditionally to an arbitration court we can hardly expect weak and comparatively unprogressive states to do so. Jealousy and apprehension are so to be looked for as naturally among the feeble and inefficient as among the strong and resourceful.

A 13-year-old boy, appointed as page in the Virginia legislature, has returned home, declaring that he "wouldn't keep such company for \$50 a month." What is his price?

The British Navy League is indignant because Commander Clover said it circulated reports reflecting on the English navy in order to keep up its efficiency. This protest, however, may be simply part of the scheme which Commander Clover says is worked so successfully.

A new rule has been adopted by the Western railroads for the treatment of the baggage question, but the old rule of carrying trunks in the top of the car before dropping them on the platform will never be abrogated.

Month and Balreuth are quarreling over the production of Wagner's opera. Strange to say, the quarrel has its origin in the desire of each to monopolize the production, and not, as might be supposed, in a desire on the part of either to escape the noise.

Chili has decided not to be too precipitate in going to war with Argentina. The news will be disappointing to many people who have long been hoping that Chili would go to war with a country that was fairly able to meet her advances.

## Pauline Astor Prefers Beauty to a Title



Pauline Astor is not a chip of the old block. She has refused the highest title in the English peerage—a dukedom—because she is not in love with the duke who wore it.

The duke is the Duke of Roxburgh, a young man and rich, and he is believed to be really in love with little Miss Astor, even though her father was born an American.

William Waldorf Astor was beginning to console himself for the various snubs which Wales administered to him by the thought that he would marry his daughter to a lord, and his son to a lord's daughter, and then spend the evening of his days proudly

considering their social grandeur. What bliss to have nobles in the family, thought Mr. Astor.

So it was all arranged between Miss Astor and the Duke of Roxburgh. But a grave omission was made in the arrangement, for Miss Astor was not consulted. To make everything lovely the duke really fell in love with the girl that everybody said he ought to marry.

But she didn't fall in love with him. Contrariwise, she fell in love with a commoner, with considerably less than nothing, but the handsomest man in the handsomest company of the finest-looking regiment in England—Captain H. Fraser of the Royal Guards. Most people who have seen him say that unquestionably he is the handsomest man in the world. Certain it is that he has had a career with women un-

equaled since the day of Dashing Jack Churchill, afterward first Duke of Marlborough, and with the possible exception of George IV., the "First Gentleman of Europe," 100 years ago.

He is son of General the Hon. Sir David Macdonald Fraser, retired, and nephew of Lord Saltoun. But lack of fortune and even farthings cannot influence the popularity of the man who, since Captain Osl Ames' retirement, has been known as the flower of the most perfect company of men in all the British kingdom.

How he met Miss Astor first is not known. She was hard to meet, and dead, for her pretty high heels have stabbed and pierced the soles of hearts wherever they have trod. Her father was particularly anxious to keep Captain Fraser out of her sight, because he was too attractive for a man without a title.

Now the two met in the park in the morning. Others say that Miss Astor saw Captain Fraser sitting his horse in front of his company, and she never forgot him.

Before she met him, or saw him, whichever it was, she was about ready to emulate Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough. Roxburgh was always with her, and it was understood that there was an understanding. But it all has been changed within the last three weeks.

London expects the expatriate's daughter to marry the soldier soon, with or without her father's blessing, and London applauds.

But Astor may have his way yet. No formal announcement of the engagement has been made; she is his daughter, living under his roof. And when he wants his way, William Waldorf Astor is a hard man.

## Halberd Carried in Woburn Militia Trainings

This halberd was carried by Jesse Wyman in the trainings of the Woburn militia, before 1782. It is now in the possession of Mrs. Leonard Thompson of Woburn. It is about 7 feet 3 inches in length.

Jesse Wyman died in 1782, having held the office of both sergeant and captain in the Woburn militia, both before and during the revolutionary war. He was in active service in the French war and in the revolutionary war.

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Leonard Thompson, husband of the present owner, was his descendant. The halberd was carried by the sergeants of infantry, and was the distinctive weapon of that grade.—Winchester Press.

Copper could not write. Lord Derby when writing filled his mouth with cherry brandy. Fenimore Cooper sucked gum, and Pierre Loti has recourse to perfumes.

Dr. Regnault, strangely enough, says nothing in his article about the influence of tobacco on authorship. Has it any?

Blunders in the Type. Errors of the press often begin with errors of the reporters who have misunderstood spoken words. The rule of follow copy compels the compositor to repeat the exact words written by the reporter and the following blunders are the result of obedience to this rule. A speaker made this statement:

"In these days clergymen are expected to have the wisdom and learning of Jeremy Taylor." But the reporter wrote, and the compositor repeated: "— \* \* \* the wisdom and learning of a journeyman tailor."

Another speaker quoted these lines: Oh, come, thou goddess fair and free, in heaven yepest Euphrosyne.

They were printed as written: Oh, come, thou goddess fair and free, in heaven she crept and froze her knee.

Another orator quoted this line from Tennyson's "Locksley Hall": Better fifty years of Europe than a cycle of Cathay.

But the quotation was written and printed: Better fifty years in Europe than a circus in Bombay.

One of the worst perversions of a hackneyed quotation (incorrectly given by the speaker) is this, which seems to be the joint work of the zealous reporter and the equally reckless printer:

Amicus Plato, amicus Socrates, sed major veritas.

I may say Plato, I may cuss Socrates, said Major Veritas.

—The Practice of Typography, T. L. De Vinne.

Illiteracy in Russia. Statistics just issued show that even in St. Petersburg, which is undoubtedly the most advanced city in the empire as regards instruction, more than 37 per cent of the population can neither read nor write. Fifty per cent is the record of illiteracy for the whole country.

Educationalists assert that this condition is a disgrace to the czar's reign.

England's Tax on Alcohol. Thirty-six per cent of England's revenue and 25 per cent of our national revenue are from tax on alcoholic drinks.

England in Egypt. The abstract of the Egyptian budget which we receive from Cairo is an other proof of the great material improvement which has befallen that land since English administrators brought honesty to the task of governing it. Each year the surplus grows, and what is even more satisfactory to the poor Egyptian, each year the taxation is diminished. The present budget, in spite of a reduction of £200,000 in taxes, shows a surplus of £210,000, after the due installment of over £700,000 has been paid into the treasury of the public debt. It is true that expenses have been high owing to an extra expenditure of £200,000 on the railway, but that is an outlay which may safely be counted upon to repay itself both in revenue and in the general increase of agriculture and other prosperity. The savings, chiefly been in army expenses and the suppression of useless officials.

Profitable Visitors. Italy's income from foreign visitors is estimated at \$40,000,000 a year.

Water Evaporation. The latest scheme to increase the amount of water evaporated by fuel in steam raising is to enrich the air used with oxygen.

Many Trees Produce Sugar. Sugar exists not only in the cane, beet root and maple, but in the sap of 167 other plants and trees.

## Only Musk Ox Alive in Captivity



After an eventful journey, extending over land and sea, Miss Olive Jones, a native of the arctic regions, arrived in Chicago recently. Olive came in a cage, and before the christening, which took place in Topeka, Kas., was only a plain, shaggy-coated musk ox without title or name.

The arrival of Miss Jones was heralded by the boom of cannon and a rousing reception because Olive is the only one of the musk ox family that ever reached the United States alive.

Miss Jones was captured in the far north by Captain H. H. Dorrance of Vineyard Haven, Mass. It was placed aboard a whaling schooner, and after

many trials and tribulations and the exchange of about 250 telegrams landed in San Francisco on Nov. 8.

Olive spent several weeks in California, becoming acclimated, and then left for Chicago. At several places along the route receptions were held, and at Topeka the animal was christened by Miss Emma Kelly, known as the heroine of Alaska. Miss Olive Jones, daughter of Colonel C. C. Jones, acted as sponsor, and the animal was named in her honor.

Olive is now snugly housed on the South side, and takes kindly to the new quarters. The animal is 2½ years old and a good specimen of the musk ox family. Few of the animals are brought out of the arctic country alive, and on this account its owner prizes the specimen highly. He contends that scientists know little about the history of the musk ox and will use Miss Jones for educational purposes.

Coal Production. Of the world's annual production of coal—650,000,000 tons—more than two-thirds is mined in the United States and Great Britain.

Coffee Consumption in Europe. In Europe the greatest average consumption of coffee is in Denmark, and the least in Russia.

## NEW ENGLISH STAMPS

With the new year in Britain begins the issue of the stamps of the new reign. The penny (two cent), which will become the most familiar, is a bright red, the authorities having gone back to the old color. King Edward VII's head takes the place of Victoria's, whose portrait figured on the national stamp for more than sixty years, penny postage dating from Jan. 10, 1840. For the greater part of her reign the queen was represented by the single portrait taken in her youth. Opinions differ as to the design for the face of King Edward, and some find difficulty in recognizing the likeness.

The present issue of stamps includes the half-penny (green), the 2½ pence (blue), used especially for foreign countries, and the sixpenny (purple), all having the same design, except that the 2½ pence stamp bears its denomination in figures. The artist has idealized the face of the king.

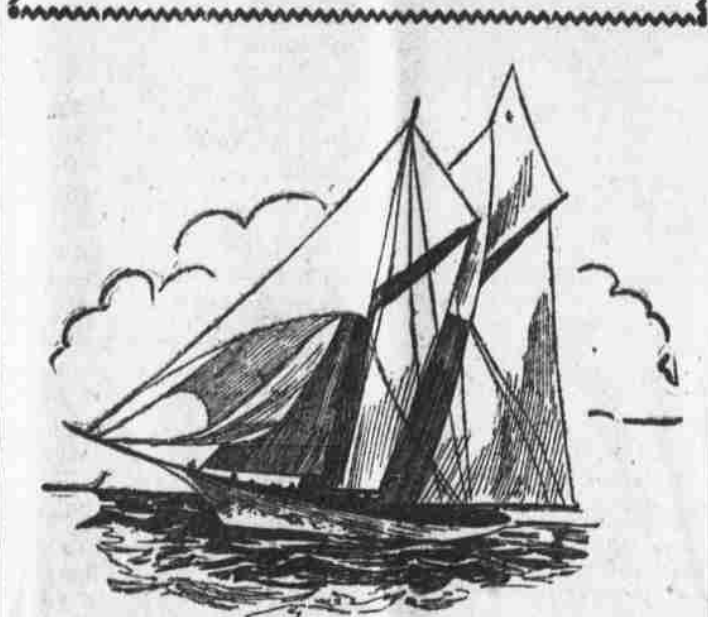
New Field for Women. In not a few of the granite cutting yards in Aberdeen, Scotland, female draughtsmen (or draughtswomen) are employed. This opens up a new field for female skill, and demonstrates once more that women are filling with con-



siderable success avocations which formerly belonged exclusively to men in England and France, if not in Scotland, lady architects are not uncommon, and display considerable skill in monumental drawing.

The Amoor River. The Amoor, the great stream of China and Siberia, is 1,500 miles in length but for nearly nine months in the year is icebound.

## Emperor William's Yacht



Emperor William desires that his new yacht, now building in the United States, shall be christened by President Roosevelt's daughter, Alice, and at the New Year's reception at the Old Palace he requested the United States Ambassador, Andrew D. White, to ask the President to allow Miss Roosevelt to christen the vessel. Miss Roosevelt has consented.

The contract made by Carey, Smith & Barbe, naval architects, to construct an American schooner yacht for Emperor William of Germany, was let to the Townsend & Downey Shipbuilding Company of Shooter's Island, Staten Island.

The yacht is to be completed in time for next year's racing season. Special specifications made by the emperor are being carried out in the building of the vessel.

Suicide and Divorce. A German statistician has been collecting facts that deal with the relation that suicide bears to divorce. In Prussia, it seems, out of 1,000,000 persons 348 women committed suicide after being divorced, as compared with only sixty-one married women, while the men were in the proportion of ten divorced to one married suicide. "Divorce is a sign of unhappiness, and the unhappy are naturally most prone to self-slaughter, and therefore—but the syllogism does not need completion, it would appear that many of those who do not commit suicide go mad. In Wurtemberg there are in the asylums 5,024 divorced persons, against 283 married, 416 celibates, and 676 widows and widowers.

Sam Houston. General Sam Houston! How do you gather the historical material for "War and Peace"? Ask any old New Yorker and he will unhesitatingly assure you it is Houston. And yet we have the very best authority for pronouncing it Houston—the authority of a man who was the last partner of the Texas general himself in New York city they pronounce the street which was christened in honor of the old Texas hero Houston. By that doesn't make it correct—although we would advise any Utican who was chanced to find himself in Manhattan and wanting the direction from an of ficer to be sure to inquire his way to Houston street—Utica Herald.

American Present in France. The American present is in successful competition with those of India and Algeria in the French market.

Americans in Berlin. There are several hundred Americans residing in Berlin.

Our Cotton Exports. The cotton exported from the United States during the past year amounted to 5,291,596,445 pounds.

## Gave Up Wealth for Love

By marrying Lewis Herzog, an artist, Pauline Astor gave up a fortune of \$10,000,000, and a New York girl, may lose several million dollars. It was a case of love or wealth, and the young woman chose the former.

Miss McComb is the daughter of James J. McComb, a multimillionaire, who died March 31 last.

Mr. McComb objected to Mr. Herzog as a prospective son-in-law, and a few days before his death he added a codicil to his will which delayed the wedding until the present.

The McComb estate is said to be \$20,000,000 and the share of Miss Pauline, which the will will make the same as the share of each of the other children, would, it has been computed, yield her \$10,000 a year. But "the ninth subdivision of the third codicil" of the will reads as follows:

"In case my daughter Fanny shall marry Mr. Louis Herzog, the provision which she shall enjoy from my estate shall be as follows:

"An annuity of \$15,000 a year shall be paid to her so long as she shall live free and clear from any enjoyment of interference herewith on the part of her husband."

There is also a provision that \$300,000 shall be divided among her children.

Some people predicted that the codicil would prove the means of breaking the match, but they did not count on the spirit of Miss Pauline McComb. She had been reared in luxury and knew the value of millions, but her "heart was true to Paul," as the wedding proved.



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## INDOOR GOLF PRACTICE

Even the best players lose their "form" from continued absence from the links in the winter season, and it is said to say that the apparatus here represented will prove practical in with accuracy. The invention has been patented by Eyre Crowe of Banbury, England, and its chief feature

is that it indicates after each shot the exact position of the club at the time the ball was struck, and also the direction of the stroke. It will be especially valuable to beginners, also, as it enables them to master the dif-

ferent clubs without the fatigue incident to traveling over the links while following up the ball. This apparatus consists of a flat board, with a lower strip attached at the side, and a curved spring at the end to carry the tee. The club has a spring attached near the head, with a leather bulb at the outer end. The tee is formed of a tuft of vertical bristles, and the ball is of wood or some other material, which will not injure the walls of a room. When all is ready the surface of the board is chalked or smeared with some marking substance, and a glance at the marks after the stroke is made will show its direction and accuracy.

Loss of Life in Alps. Since January 1, 118 lives have been lost by accident in the Swiss Alps—a larger number than in any similar period in the past.

Hand-Painted Lap Dogs. Fashionable Moscow lap dogs are now hand-painted in decorative designs, according to the St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya.

## NEW PENCIL SHARPENER

Between the large crank operated pencil sharpener and the small pocket one there has hitherto seemed to be no medium-sized article which had neither cut nor bulk as an objection to it. The picture shows below illustrates a novelty in this line. The upper view shows the front sections cut away to expose the gearing and show the position of the pencil. There is an inner sleeve, in which the pencil is inserted, with a clamp to aid in holding it rigid. The gear wheels are connected in a train between the outer hood and the cutting shaft seen at the side of the pencil. The pencil to be sharpened is forced into the sleeve until it strikes the cutter. The operator then grasps the hub in one hand, places the rubber-covered friction ring in contact with a desk or table top and rolls the ring on the plane surface, which rapidly revolves the cutter in connection with the pencil. Eugene Burke of Lakeview, Ore., is the patentee.

Quick Death from Snake Bites. To illustrate the quickness with which death comes from the bite of a big rattler: A resident of this city was after quail, with two fine pointers. After scattering a large covey he

began to pick up a stray bird here and there. One fell about fifty yards ahead, and calling to his dog, "Dead bird," he reloaded and slowly advanced. Just as the dog reached the bird he was seen to leap into the air a foot or two, the action being accompanied by a faint yelp. Now the quail fell, as I have said, only about fifty yards away, but when the hunter reached the spot the dog lay motionless. He had been struck by a rattler six feet in length, and death was nearly instantaneous.

## HONOR FOR MRS. VANDERBILT



comes through General Eaton of the English army, for many years a close friend to the king, and the husband of Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt's sister.

Mrs. Vanderbilt before her marriage was Miss Elsie French. They were married June 14 at Newport.

Staging in Yukon Country. The first winter schedule of the White Pass and Yukon Railway has been received by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Two stages a week run each way, leaving White Horse Wednesday and Saturday. The distance is 50 miles, which is traveled in about five days. There are seventeen posthouses, where relays of horses are obtained and where meals are served.

Musical with Laughing Gas. The French Academie de Medicine has been much excited over a new dental apparatus which combines the administration of gas with photographic musical selections. While you are inhaling the one you are likewise drinking in the other, and the result is said to be "a most agreeable sensation."

Count Tolstoi's Manuscript. It took Count Tolstoi five years to gather the historical material for "War and Peace." The preliminary writings from which the book sprang are now in Rumjanzoff museum, Moscow. But they had a hard time getting there. Some years ago, when Countess Tolstoi was ill, a careless servant took the manuscript and threw them into a disused canal in the park near the house. They were discovered after several weeks and rescued.

"Tipping" in Old England. In reference to "tipping" it is claimed that there is a certain hotel in Manchester where the head boots pays the managers \$1,000 per annum for his job, and that he is able to clear between \$3,500 and \$5,000 each year.

Boy Bridgebuilders in England. Boy bridgebuilders are growing in number in London. There are four under 21 in every 100 bridgebuilders, about sixteen girls under 21 per 100 get married.

Russia Will Build Road. Russia will build a railway from Orsk to Tashkent to relieve the famine-stricken inhabitants of that region by giving them work.